

STUDENT SURVEYS

No elementary school or secondary school student shall be required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning the following subject matters, without the prior written consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems or aspects of the student or the student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes of the student or the student's family;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship;
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
8. Personal or family gun ownership; or
9. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program);

Prior consent from parents must be obtained through a parental signature on a written notice received by the parents, identifying the nature of the survey, the purpose of the survey, that the student will not be personally identifiable (except possibly for identification as a male-female or by grade), and that the parent has the right to refuse participation by the student in the survey, analysis or evaluation. (The term, parent, for purposes of this policy, includes a legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis.

Prior written consent from an emancipated minor or student age 18 or older must be obtained through the student's signature on a written notice which identifies the nature of the survey, the purpose of the survey, that the student will not be personally identifiable (except possibly for identification as a male-female or by grade), and that the student has the right to refuse participation by the student in the survey, analysis or evaluation.

The student shall not participate in the survey, analysis or evaluation if the school does not receive the required written consent. Denials of consent shall be reflected through the form being returned and in which consent is denied, or when the form is not be returned. Written consent is required prior to a student participating in a survey addressing one or more of the topics identified above and in no case shall consent be presumed.

The District shall annually provide notice to students and parents/guardians of their rights as set forth in this policy, by publishing notice of the policy in the newspaper and in the student handbooks. The policy shall also be printed in the teacher handbook.